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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 264

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A RESOLUTION to designate a one-mile segment of U.S.
Highway 127 in Fentress County as the "Dr.
Shelby O. Turner Memorial Parkway".

WHEREAS, from time to time this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain highways and roads to honor those outstanding citizens whose selfless efforts have redounded to the great benefit of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this special recognition than the late Dr. Shelby O. Turner, who served in his community as a doctor for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, he was born on August 18, 1921, the son of Oscar and Viola (Beaty) Turner; and

WHEREAS, after graduating as Valedictorian from Clarksrange High School in 1939, he attended the University of Tennessee on a Sears Roebuck Company scholarship, one of two awarded in the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, while at the University of Tennessee, he was active on the livestock team, served as student body vice-president, company commander of the ROTC, and was manager of the UT football team; and

WHEREAS, after graduation in 1943, he joined the United States Army and was commissioned as a lieutenant. During World War II, he served as a navigator on 34 bombing missions over Germany from 1943-45; and

WHEREAS, after the war, he returned to his alma mater and admirably taught agriculture and coached basketball for seven years; and

WHEREAS, he furthered his studies by receiving his Master's degree in Agriculture in 1955 from the University of Tennessee, and taught several college level courses; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Shelby Turner entered the University of Tennessee medical school where he served with acumen as President of his class and graduated with his M.D. degree four years later; and

WHEREAS, after completing his internship in 1960, Dr. Turner returned to Fentress County to open his own medical practice, faithfully serving the community there for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, while developing his practice, Shelby Turner became more involved in the family farm and developed one of the finest Angus cattle herds in the state of Tennessee. Dr. Turner later served on the Board of Directors of the American Angus Association and as President of the Tennessee Angus Association; and

WHEREAS, realizing the importance of education, Dr. Turner served with distinction on the Fentress County School Board for 15 years and was active in working for improvements in the educational system; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 53 years, Flossie (Hendricks) Turner; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Mike Jones; one granddaughter, Kari Michelle Jones; one grandson, Steven Turner Jones; two sisters, Ruby Turner Todd of Fairfield Glade and Bernice Turner Little of Crossville; a niece, Nancy McClanahan and a nephew, Lynn Shelby Little; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his life of purpose and commitment to others, it has been proposed that a one-mile segment of U.S. Highway 127 in Fentress County, from its intersection

with Wilder Road southward to its intersection with Little Road, be named to honor the memory of this inimitable man; and

WHEREAS, this body most heartily concurs in this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the one-mile segment of U.S. Highway 127 in Fentress County, from its intersection with Wilder Road south to its intersection with Little Road, is hereby designated as the "Dr. Shelby O. Turner Memorial Parkway" as a lasting tribute to this exemplary Tennessean and highly respected gentleman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.